Dark Matter on small, subgalactic, scales

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# Outline

- \* Why are small scales interesting?
- \* How to build a Milky Way halo for your favorite DM model?
- \* Summary

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#### So far, only gravitational evidence for DM (cosmological structures+CMB)

#### CDM successes:

- CMB peaks
- Successful structure formation (from CMB perturbations)
- => CDM seeds galaxies, galaxies embedded in DM halos
- Lensing in clusters + rotation curves of galaxies
- Also consistent with Tully-Fisher relation (baryonic physics)

#### Remaining issues:

- \* Nature/origin of CDM new particle/s?
- \* Some issues on **subgalactic** scales

NB: subhalos no longer a problem! (faint objects continuously discovered + structure formation theory improved with baryonic physics)

## Dark Matter on galactic scales

Bulk of luminous matter

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\* Keplerian decrease of rotation velocity not observed

\* Stars and gas not bounded to the object unless invisible mass there

=> Spherical dark matter halo could explain this + natural stabilizer

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This has also motivated pure DM solutions: eg ULA, SIDM  $\rightarrow$  probes on small scales important tests for all DM scenarios

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Gaia satellite @ ESA

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Different scenarios predict different structuring properties on small scales  $\rightarrow$  additional test for DM candidates

# Probing dark matter on small scales 2. Particle searches



#### **Interaction with stars:**

- $\rightarrow$  global density + velocity distributions
- $\rightarrow$  encounters with subhalos



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Via Lactea II, Diemand+08



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Aquarius + baryons, Yurin+15



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#### Problems are ...

- \* Resolution limit: compare  $10^5 M_{sun}$  with  $10^{-10} M_{sun}$  (in DM-only)
- \* ... getting worst in hydro-runs

\* (Large uncertainties in baryonic physics)

- \* How is "Milky Way-like" defined?
- \* What's special with "8 kpc" in a cosmological simulation?



#### Making predictions for DM searches?

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Granularity of the Galactic DM halo: How to build a theoretically+observationally constrained model?

\* Particle physics input: the minimal clustering scale

- \* Structure formation: statistical properties of subhalos
- \* Dynamical/kinematic constraints + tidal effects

# Thermal relics from the early Universe

Production/annihilation => chemical+thermal equilibrium  $\rightarrow$  Chemical decoupling => freeze out ( $x_f = m/T_f \sim 20$ )

- $\rightarrow$  Relic abundance fixed
- NB: links with indirect searches

Elastic collisions can ensure thermal contact long after freeze out (plasma very dense) => DM particles still belong to the plasma (same temperature).

Thermal contact ceases

 $\rightarrow$  kinetic decoupling  $\implies$  free streaming  $(x_k = m/T_k \sim 10^2 - 10^4)$ 

At matter-radiation eq., DM can only grow density fluctuations larger than path run after kinetic decoupling.

=> Sets the minimal scale of DM halo NB: links with direct searches / interaction with stars  $\chi$  Annihilation / production f $\overline{\chi}$   $\overline{f}$ 





Solve moments of Liouville-Boltzmann equation for coupled species

 $\frac{d f(x^{\mu}, p^{\mu})}{d f(x^{\mu}, p^{\mu})} = \widehat{C}$ 

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Minimal halo mass from  $\sim 10^{-12} M_{sun}$  (>1 TeV WIMPs) to  $\sim 10^{-3} M_{sun}$  (<10 GeV WIMPs) Like relic abundance, fixed by interaction properties of DM particles! [see also Schwartz+, Hofmann+, Green+, Bringmann+, Boehm+, etc.]

## Initial statistical/cosmological properties

 $\frac{The initial mass function}{(\text{linear } + \sim \text{non-linear})}$ From primordial spectrum to mass function (ext. Press-Schechter)  $P(k,t) = D_{+}^{2}(t) \left\{ P(k) \equiv A_{0} T^{2}(k) P_{\text{prim}}(k) \right\}$  $\sigma^{2}(R) \equiv \varepsilon_{R}(|\vec{r}| \rightarrow 0) = \int d\ln k \,\Delta^{2}(k) \left| \tilde{W}(k,R) \right|^{2}$  $\frac{dn}{dM} = \left\{ V_{M}^{-1} \equiv \frac{\rho_{M}}{M} \right\} \left| \frac{dF(\delta > \delta_{c})}{dM} \right| = \frac{\rho_{M}}{M^{2}} \left| \frac{d\ln \sigma}{d\ln M} \right| \nu f(\nu)$  $\frac{d\mathcal{P}(m_{200})}{dm_{200}} \approx m_{200}^{-\alpha_{m}} \left\{ 1 - e^{-\left[\frac{m_{200}}{m_{\text{cut}}}\right]^{n}} \right\}$ 

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Stref, PhD th. '18

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At MW formation, all (cosmological) properties factorize out

$$\frac{d^n N^0}{d\omega^n} = N_0 \, \frac{d\mathcal{P}_V^0(\vec{x})}{dV} \times \frac{d\mathcal{P}_m^0(m)}{dm} \times \frac{d\mathcal{P}_c^0(c,m)}{dc}$$







## The dark halo: smooth vs subhalo component

$$\rho_{\rm tot}(R) = \rho_{\rm sm}(R) + \rho_{\rm sub}(R)$$

Overall profile constrained by non-linear theory: NFW, Einasto +/- cores +++++ \*\*\*\* Strongly constrained by MW kinematic data \*\*\*\*

$$\rho_{\rm sub}(R) = \frac{N_{\rm sub}}{K_w} \frac{d\mathcal{P}_V(R)}{dV} \int_{m_{\rm min}}^{m_{\rm max}} dm \int_{c_{\rm min}(R)}^{c_{\rm max}} dc \, m_t(r_t(c,m,R),m,c) \, \frac{d\mathcal{P}_m}{dm} \, \frac{d\mathcal{P}_c}{dc}$$



McMillan'11



++ will improve with Gaia ++



## Global tidal effects

Competition between global MW potential and internal subhalo potential  $\rightarrow$  tidal radius

Solve EOM for vanishing test mass orbiting m and M (m<<M) in corotating frame of frequency ω (King '62, Spitzer '87).</li>
=> Demand force to vanish (Lagrange points L2, L3)

$$\ddot{x} = \frac{Gm}{x^2} - \frac{GM}{(R-x)^2} - \omega^2 \left\{ (\mu/m)R - x \right\} = 0$$

Point-like Jacobi tidal radius

$$r_{t\bullet} = r_{t\bullet}(R, m, M) = \left\{\frac{m_t}{3M}\right\}^{1/3} R$$



Binney&Tremaine '87, '08



Extension to smooth systems

$$r_t = \left\{ \frac{m(r_t)}{3 M(R) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3} \frac{d \ln M(R)}{d \ln R} \right)} \right\}^{1/3} R$$

Smooth Jacobi tidal radius

### Tides from stellar encounters and disk shocking

Encounters with stars: (Ostriker+,Weinberg+, Gnedin+,80-00, Berezinsky+03) \* impulse approximation during fly-by

=> negligible wrt disk shocking

$$\Delta E = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3 \vec{r} \,\rho_{\rm int}(r) (\delta v_x - \delta \tilde{v}_x)^2$$
$$\Delta E = \frac{2\pi}{3} \left(\frac{2G_{\rm N}M_*}{v_{\rm rel}l^2}\right)^2 \int_0^R dr \, r^4 \,\rho_{\rm int}(r)$$

**Disk shocking:** 

\* impulse approximation during crossing

- \* adiabatic invariance correction
- => the dominant effect

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}v_z}{\mathrm{d}t} = g_\mathrm{d}(R, z_\mathrm{p}) - g_\mathrm{d}(R, z_\mathrm{c})$$
$$\simeq \Delta z \, \frac{\partial g_\mathrm{d}}{\partial z} \left( z_\mathrm{c} \right) \,,$$
$$\Delta v_z = \int \mathrm{d}t \, \Delta z(t) \, \frac{\partial g_\mathrm{d}}{\partial z} \left[ z_\mathrm{c}(t) \right]$$
$$\epsilon_k(z) \equiv \frac{2 \, g_{z,\mathrm{disk}}^2(z=0) \, z^2}{V_z^2} \left( A(\eta) \right)$$



Stellar disk



### Impact of tidal disruption on mass/number profiles



Global subhalo mass density profile, Stref PhD th. '18

Subhalo number density profile, Stref PhD th. '18

Very large number density of tiny clumps expected locally! (for >1 TeV WIMPs, ~0.5/star gravitationally captured!)

## Amplification of annihilation rate in the Milky Way



Annihilation profile + local/integrated boost, Stref+17

Annihilation profiles and local boosts, varying  $\varepsilon_{\rho}$ , Stref PhD. th '18

Minimal mass has impact for α >1.9 (always in the central regions due to effective mass index => local fluctuations suppressed) [see also Silk&Stebbins'93, Bergström+'98, JL+07, etc.]

## Summary

\* Milky Way a perfect place to probe DM properties on small scales! → complementarity of gravitational + non-gravitational effects/searches → very interesting test of DM scenarios (even feebly-interacting DM)!

\* Theoretical + observational self-consistence of DM distribution very important: global + granularity + phase-space properties

\* Generic semi-analytic method to build a Milky Way halo (Stref+'17-19), which includes information from:

- the primordial power spectrum (can be tuned to preferred inflation model)
- structure formation (Press-Schechter theory + concentration model)
- current observational constraints (to be updated with Gaia)

=> can be compared with cosmological simulations on relevant scales + probe arbitrarily small scales + self-consistently tuneable to the real Milky Way

- \* Room for improvement (ongoing)
- \* Can be applied to all CDM candidates: WIMPs, axions, PBHs, etc.
- \* Predictions for / constraints from WIMP searches being revised:
- → gamma rays + antimatter cosmic rays (Facchinetti, Lacroix, Stref+ in prep)
- $\rightarrow$  capture of mini-halos by stars! (new)

\* Application to e.g. PBH microlensing (Clesse+ in prep)



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Subhalo tidal mass

$$m_t = m(r_t) = 4\pi r_s^3 \int_0^{x_t} dx \, x^2 \, \rho(x \, r_s) \, \zeta(x_t)$$

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**Disruption function** 

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Minimal concentration vs position, Stref PhD th. '18 => mean concentration gets spatial-dependent (see also Pieri+11, Moline+15)

### Post-tides properties

Concentration function cut from the left => spatial-dependent mass index!



Modified local mass function, Stref+17

## Evolution of species in the Early Universe

$$\frac{d\,f(x^{\mu},p^{\mu})}{d\lambda} = \widehat{C}[f]$$

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$$T_{\chi} \equiv \left\langle \frac{p^2}{3m_{\chi}} \right\rangle = \frac{g_{\chi}}{3m_{\chi}n_{\chi}} \int p^2 f_{\chi}(p,t) \frac{\mathrm{d}^3 \mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3}.$$

$$\frac{\partial T_{\chi}}{\partial t} + 2HT_{\chi} = \gamma(T)(T - T_{\chi})$$

$$\gamma(T) = \frac{1}{48g_{\chi}m_{\chi}^3\pi^3} \sum_{\text{species }i} \int_{m_i}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}\omega f_i^{\mathrm{eq}}(\omega, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial\omega} \left( \int_{-4p_{\mathrm{cm}}^2}^0 (-t)\widetilde{|\mathcal{M}_i|^2} \mathrm{d}t \right)$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\ln(y_{\chi})}{\mathrm{d}\ln(x_{\chi})} = -\left(1 + \frac{\mathrm{d}\ln\left(h_{\mathrm{eff}}(T)\right)}{3\,\mathrm{d}\ln\left(T\right)}\right)\frac{\gamma(T)}{H}\left(1 - \frac{y_{\chi}^{\mathrm{eq}}}{y_{\chi}}\right)$$

## Boost factors in context



Bergström'09

Boost factor depends on integration volume!

See also Silk & Stebbins'93, Begström+99, Lavalle+07-08

### J factors! (at last)



Stref PhD th '18

### Kinetic decoupling, free streaming scale, and small-scale structures



$$\lambda_{\rm fs} = a_{\rm eq} \int_{t_{\rm kd}}^{t_{\rm eq}} dt \frac{v(t)}{a(t)} \approx v_{\rm kd} (a_{\rm kd}/a_{\rm eq})/H_{\rm eq}$$

\* Density perturbations grow efficiently after matter-radiation equivalence

- \* Kinetic decoupling time sets free-streaming scale
- \* Other competing effects (collisional damping)
- => Minimal size of structures have impact on DM searches=> Depends on DM interaction properties

[e.g. Hofmann+01, Berezinsky+03, Green+04-05, Bertschinger 06, Bringmann+07]

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## Searches for thermal dark matter





\* Production at colliders (model dependent) => collider searches

\* Annihilation/decay rate potentially large in dense DM regions: centers of halos + CMB => indirect searches

\* Beware velocity dependence (scalar exchange between fermions v-suppressed; pseudo-scalar exchange is not)

- \* elastic or inelastic scattering
- $\rightarrow$  nuclear recoils at underground experiments
- => direct searches
- $\rightarrow$  scattering with astrophysical objects
- => stellar physics
- => neutrinos from capture+annihilation in stars
- => indirect searches

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